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Dear Administrator McCarty and Regional Administrators McGrath and Blumenfeld,

Attached herewith is an advance copy of a letter issued yesterday by the Colorado River Basin Tribes Partnership (a.k.a. the “Ten Tribes Partnership”), inviting yourselves to a meeting to discuss the Gold King mine release and related issues affecting water quality within the Colorado River Basin. The Ten Tribes Partnership leaders include Tribal representatives from ten tribes with Colorado River mainstream water rights – both in the Upper Basin, and the Lower Basin. In light of Administrator McCarthy’s recent testimony at the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, the leadership of the Ten Tribes Partnership believes there is an opportunity for Tribal Nations to collaborate with the Environmental Protection Agency in its efforts to address the significant challenges posed by the many contaminated sites posing an ongoing threat to the waters of the Colorado River.

I serve as the point of contact and coordinator for the Ten Tribes Partnership. You may feel free to contact me at your convenience to discuss possible meeting dates and locations.

Please note that Regional Director Curry, from Region 6 will be a welcome addition to the meeting, and was omitted from the original letter only due to my own lack of forethought – an oversight for which I apologize. Please feel welcome to invite or include anyone else at E.P.A. whom you deem appropriate to the discussion.

Thank you for your time and attention to this request. db

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